

**REMARKS**

Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute Claims 1-12 cancels Claims 13-17 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims (Claims 13-17) at a later date.

**CONCLUSION**

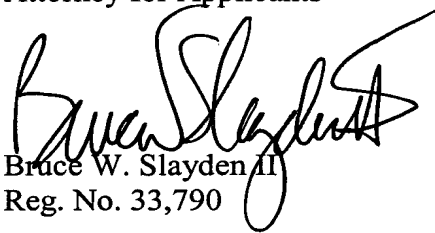
Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants believe no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2606.

Respectfully submitted,

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